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March 7, 2022

Grafton Conservation Commission Attn: Leah Cameron, Conservation Agent 30 Providence Road Grafton, MA 01519

Re: Request for Waiver

Eversource Pine Street Gas Main Installation Project

Grafton, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Cameron and Grafton Commission Members:

On behalf of Eversource Energy (Eversource), SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) is requesting a waiver for project activities associated with the proposed Gas Main Installation Project along Pine Street in Grafton, Massachusetts (the Project). During the Grafton Conservation Commission meeting on March 1, 2022, the Conservation Commission requested a waiver under the Town's Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Art. 25) be submitted for proposed activities within the locally regulated 25-foot No Disturbance Zone (NDZ). The project proposes sedimentation controls and a minor amount of ground disturbance within the 25-foot No Disturbance Zone (NDZ). The proposed impacts are temporary, and the area will be restored to its pre-construction condition once the project is complete.

Please accept this letter as our formal waiver request for the portion of project activities within the 25-foot NDZ.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (413) 658-2059 or via email at travis.yandow@swca.com.

Sincerely,

Travis Yandow, WPIT

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Associate Project Wetland Scientist

Enclosures:

Waiver Filing Fee

Copy: Jennifer Buttaro – Eversource Energy